

TESTIMONY OF ERIC J. BROWN
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before the
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
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Good afternoon. My name is Eric Brown and I am an attorney with the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (“CBIA”) and director of its Environmental Policies Council. CBIA’s mission is to work with our members and public officials to make Connecticut a more attractive location for business investment in order to grow jobs and economic opportunity for those who live here. Our members include businesses from across the state of all sizes and from nearly every industry in Connecticut.

CBIA appreciates this opportunity to provide comment recommending changes to S.B. 7001, An Act Concerning Government Administration.

This bill deals with the issue of holding agencies accountable to the legislature with respect to the adoption of regulations as instructed by the General Assembly. CBIA believes it is equally important to ensure agencies are adopting regulations in a manner consistent with the directives contained in the “regulatory transparency and efficiency” section of Governor Malloy’s October 2103 Executive Order 37. Those directives are critically important to improving Connecticut’s regulatory climate and our competitive standing relative to other states.

Therefore, we urge an additional section be added to this bill, effective upon passage and with a sunset of January 1, 2018, requiring all agencies to submit to the joint standing committee having cognizance over regulation development procedures, documentation of measures taken during the development of any regulations over the previous year, to implement the transparency and efficiency directives of Executive Order 37 dated October 16, 2013.

Thank you very kindly for raising this bill and for your consideration of our suggested modification.